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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A paving block for use in the construction of a paved
2 surface for bearing wheeled traffic, which paving block has an upper surface, a lower
3 surface and lateral surfaces extending between the upper and lower surfaces and
4 contacting in use at least part of a lateral surface of at least one adjacent paving block,
5 a substantial portion of at least two lateral surfaces of the paving block extending to
6 the upper surface being tapered along the entirety of the edge between the upper
7 surface and the lateral surface, wherein at least one of the lateral surfaces has a
8 shallow channel wider than it is deep extending from the upper surface to the lower
9 surface and so positioned as to form, when the block is placed in abutting contact with
10 another such block in use thereof, upwardly open gullies formed by two facing
11 tapered surface portions, and narrow slot-like drainage passages formed by two facing